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SUBJECT: HIGH LEVEL NORTH KOREAN DELEGATION VISITS GUYANA

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1. ON MAY 31, THE GOG-OWNED DAILY "GUYANA CHRONICLE" IN A FRONT PAGE STORY ANNOUNCED THE ARRIVAL OF A SEVEN MAN "HIGH POWERED ECONOMIC" DELEGATION FROM NORTH KOREA, HEADED BY VICE PREMIER OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL GONG JIM TAE. THE NORTH KOREANS WERE MET AT TIMEHRI AIRPORT BY DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER PTOLEMY REID AND MINISTER OF ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES HUBERT JACK. NO AGENDA FOR TALKS WAS RELEASED, ALTHOUGH NO DOUBT TRADE AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION WILL BE CENTRAL TOPICS. VISIT IS DESCRIBED AS A DIRECT RESULT OF PRIME MINISTER BURNHAM'S VISIT TO NORTH KOREA IN APRIL DURING WHICH SIX PROTOCOLS WERE SIGNED, SEE REFTEL.

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2. COMMENT. AT PRESENT GUYANA'S TRADING RELATIONS WITH NORTH KOREA ARE VIRTUALLY NIL. IMPORTS DURING FIRST SEVEN MONTHS OF 1977 WERE US\$8,450, EXPORTS NONE, COMPARED TO US\$244,000 IMPORTS FROM SOUTH KOREA. NORTH KOREAN MISSION IN GEORGETOWN, WHICH WAS OPENED JANUARY 1977, HAS CONCENTRATED ON CULTURAL AND PROPAGANDA ACTIVITIES. HENCE, ANY ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE WILL HAVE

AN IMPACT ON BILATERAL RELATIONS, ALTHOUGH THE FINAL
PACKAGE IS LIKELY TO BE SMALL.
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